

REMARKS

Entry of the preceding amendments and consideration of the comments which follow are respectfully requested by Applicants.

Amendments to claims

Claims 5-13 have been canceled. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-4 remain pending and subject to examination.

Rejection under 35 USC §103 (a)

Claim 13 has been rejected under 35 USC §103 (a) as being unpatentable separately over each of Christ et al, US 5,874,430, Rizza et al., J. Med. Chem., 2002, or Patel et al., Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett., 1999. As claim 13 has now been canceled, the rejection is moot, and Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration.

Allowable subject matter

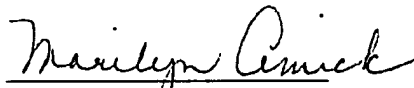
Claims 1-4 have been indicated as allowable. Applicants note this with appreciation.

Conclusion

Applicants submit that their application is now in condition for allowance, and favorable reconsideration of their application in light of the above amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 02-2958.

Respectfully submitted,



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